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TO : DIRECTOR

FROM : [REDACTED] 25X1A

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ROUTINE

IN 50389

TO [REDACTED] 25X1A

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GEN LEDFORD FROM [REDACTED]

1. I WAS NOTIFIED BY MY COMMAND POST AT ABOUT NOON ON FRIDAY 15 APRIL THAT ACFT NBR 132 WAS DIVERTING TO KIRTLAND LOW ON FUEL. NOTIFICATION HAD BEEN RECEIVED AT THE COMMAND POST DIRECT FROM THE PILOT [REDACTED] VIA SSB.

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2. I PROCEEDED TO THE COMMAND POST IMMEDIATELY AND ASSEMBLED MY SENIOR STAFF. YOUR COMMAND POST HAD BEEN NOTIFIED IN THE INTERIM PERIOD. THE BASE COMMANDER AT KIRTLAND WAS NOTIFIED BY MY COMMAND POST IN KEEPING WITH OUR SOP. [REDACTED] LANDED AT 1217 AREA TIME.

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3. WE COULD NOT MAKE SPECIFIC PLANS UNTIL I COULD TALK TO [REDACTED] TO LEARN THE STATUS OF 132. IN THE MEANTIME WE DID WHAT WE COULD. THERE WAS SOME QUESTION REGARDING THE EXACT STATUS OF OUR C-130 DUE NOSE GEAR SHIMMY PROBLEM. THE TAC C-130 NBR 299 WAS AT TRAVIS AFB

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ENROUTE TO THE AREA BUT WAS SCHEDULED TO PROCEED TO
EDWARDS AFB IMMEDIATELY AFTER STOPPING HERE. BEALE TANKERS
WERE ALSO TIED UP IN VIEW OF A SPECIAL PROJECT INVOLVING
EDWARDS AF-12'S. ██████████

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STARTED ASSEMBLING PRE-PACKED
RECOVERY KIT PLUS DESIGNATED PERSONNEL. DCS STARTED CUTTING
ORDERS. ██████████

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25X1A ██████████ WAS ASKED TO DETERMINE AVAILABILITY
OF A C-141. WE DETERMINED TO RECOVER 132 ASAP. I ADVISED

██████████ OF STATUS AT THIS POINT AND OF INTENTIONS. IN
ORDER TO EXPEDITE KC-135 PLUS SECURE USE TO TAC C-130 I CALLED
GEN GEARY DIRECT. HE IMMEDIATELY GAVE US PRIORITY. I THEN
MANAGED TO TALK TO ██████████ WHO ADVISED OF NO INLET/ENGINE
PROBLEMS. HE SAID ALL WAS FINE EXCEPT VERY HIGH FUEL
CONSUMPTION AND POOR PERFORMANCE OF ACFT IN THE TURN AT
ALTITUDE & SPEED. HE FELT FUEL AND A START CART WAS ALL

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25X1A THAT HE NEEDED. IN THE MEANTIME I HAD LAUNCHED ██████████

AND ██████████ TO KIRTLAND IN AN F-101. BEALE WAS REQUESTED

TO LAUNCH A KC-135 TO KIRTLAND ASAP WITH 60,000 LBS PF-1
ABOARD FOR GROUND REFUELING. WE DECIDED AT THIS POINT THAT
WE SHOULD RETURN 132 IN BUDDY TACTIC WITH KC-135 AND F-101

25X1A ESCORT UNLESS ██████████ LEARNED SOMETHING IN PRE-FLIGHT THAT
CHANGED THIS. WE CALLED ██████████ AT EDWARDS TO

25X1A LEARN EXACT PROCEDURE THEY USE WITH FORM 175 SO AS TO BE
PRECISELY ON FREQUENCY WITH THEM. BOTH C-130'S WERE TO LOAD
AND LAUNCH ASAP. THE REQUEST FOR A C-141 WAS CANCELLED

25X1A WHEN ██████████ ADVISED THIS WOULD ENTAIL A DELAY. I BROUGHT

25X1A ██████████ UP TO DATE ON EVENTS AND WE AGREED THAT 132

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SHOULD BE RECOVERED ASAP BUT NOT FLOWN AT NITE. MAJOR

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██████████ AND I LAUNCHED IN F-101.

4. 132 WAS IN HANGAR AND UNDER GUARD. 58TH WEATHER RECON SQ WAS HOST DUE VICE PRESIDENT HAVING BASE HANGAR TIED UP. KC-135 AND BOTH C-130'S ARRIVED ABOUT DARK. PREFLIGHT AND SERVICING WAS COMPLETED AT ABOUT 0200 LOCAL SATURDAY MORNING. WE CHECKED BACK IN AT HANGAR AT ABOUT 0400 AND THINGS MOVED NICELY TO TAKE OFF AT ABOUT 0630 LOCAL.

I ELECTED TO HAVE ██████████ FLY 132 HOME FOR MORALE 25X1A REASONS. HE BUDDIED WITH THE KC-135 AND I FLEW F-101 CHASE. WE LANDED HERE ██████████ AT ABOUT 0700 LOCAL 25X1A SATURDAY MORNING WITHOUT INCIDENT. SUPPORT AT KIRTLAND WAS OUTSTANDING. LAC MAINTENANCE CREW WORKED LIKE DOGS IN A COMPLETELY COOPERATIVE, CHEERFUL MANNER. BOTH ITEMS DESERVE SPECIAL RECOGNITION AND I AM PREPARING SEPARATE MESSAGE TO YOU.

5. THE TOTAL NON-RECOVERABLE COST TO THE AGENCY FOR THIS ENTIRE OPERATION WAS TEN DOLLARS WHICH I SPENT SO MEN COULD HAVE FREE COFFEE IN THE HANGAR AT 0400 SATURDAY MORNING. ALL OTHER EXPENSES ARE COVERED BY PER DIEM RULES. KIRTLAND IS A WONDERFUL DIVERSION BASE. SET UP WAS BEAUTIFUL.

6. I HAVE ASKED DCO, DCM AND R&D TO DEVELOP A SPECIAL PROGRAM TO DETERMINE WHAT THE PROBLEM IS WITH 132. I WILL PRESENT IT TO YOU FOR APPROVAL. 25X1A

7. I AGREE COMPLETELY WITH YOU THAT ██████████ MADE

THE PROPER DECISION AND HAVE SO ADVISED HIM.

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8. EVERYTHING HAPPENS ON FRIDAYS.

END OF MESSAGE

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